

**XIII World Forestry Congress
Buenos Aires, 18-23 October 2009**

Topic 3: Policy and dialogue for cities, forests and people: indicators for decision making.

***Thematic Session 3.4 – Urban Forestry
22 October 2009, 15h00 – 16h30***

“Driving the forces towards A Green Agenda for Urbanized Society: A matter of Choice or Destiny?”

Co-Organizers: Danish Centre for Forest, Landscape and Planning (DCFLP) of the University of Copenhagen; and the Chinese Academy of Forestry (CAF) in collaboration with FAO.

Thematic Session Summary

The thematic session will bring together policy and decision makers as well as international institutions involved in urban and peri-urban development. The guest speakers will present thematic and regional issues, such as those of: urban and rural planning; energy needs; land tenure; livelihoods and food needs; migration, refugees and social arrest; climate change impact and extreme weather events mitigation. The focus will be on the need to conciliate the urban to the rural, to optimize the tree and forest cover. Recent experiences will illustrate lessons learned. Strategic opportunities and tactical actions to shape plan of actions will be discussed. A mosaic of indicators and criteria to consider for building a vision, design the options and implement the measures will stimulate the debate in view of poverty alleviation and environmental sustainability.

Presenters

Mr. Kjell Nilsson, Danish Centre for Forests, Landscape and Planning, Denmark

Mr. Cheng Wang, Chinese Academy of Forestry, China

Ms. Kawtar Gazouli, Haut Commissariat des Eaux et Forêts, Morocco

Mr. Philip Rodbell, US Forest Service, USA.

Mr. Germán Tovar Corzo, Districtal Secretariat of Environment, Municipality of Bogotá

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“Optimizing and mastering the tree cover for healthy cities – learning from practice and science”

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The complexity of the urban fabric and of its evolution over time and space require good practices that need to be tailored to each case. Adapting the science and the lessons learned is an art. The session will present few cases from Brazil, Chile, Italy, USA and other regions that may inspire the creation of green vision by societies in search of healthy environment, poverty alleviation and better livelihoods. Experiences from forest and tree assessment

practices, air pollution mitigation, socio and environmental valorisation of urban forest as well as building more resilient cities to natural disasters will be presented.

Presenters

Mr. Adebai Gomes Silva, Federal University of Espirito Santo, Brazil

Mr. John McNeil, Corporation of the Town of Oakville, USA

Mr. Giovanni Sanesi, University of Bari, Italy

Ms. Carmen Luz De la Maza, University of Chile, Chile

Mr. Francisco Escobedo, University of Florida, USA

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